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Re: Williamsburg Receiving and Storage, LLC

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen:

As we discussed yesterday, enclosed please find the request of Williamsburg Receiving and Storage for a modification of the current Administrative Consent Order (WMD Order #31-07-02) to allow for an interim discharge of process wastewater. This request is being made as an interim measure only until the Department can act upon and issue a final determination consistent with an application for permit modification which will be provided to the Department by September 1, 2005, consistent with the request of Mr. Richard Powers of your office in his letter to Williamsburg Receiving and Storage dated July 25, 2005. As we discussed yesterday, my client intends to fully

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comply with the wastewater characteristic limitations expressed in their currently active permit to discharge. In concept, this would be accomplished by Abatching@ processed wastewater with fresh dilution water, verifying that the batched wastewater and dilution water mix meets discharge characteristics and then discharging this mix after characteristic verification by discharging to a rapid infiltration basin to be constructed consistent with the proposal and design parameters attached. I believe that this approach can also be considered a pilot test for long term application as part of the overall permit modification. (Please see EPA design manuals referenced in the Part 22 rules which favor pilot testing for base infiltration tests.) Thus, I think authority to approve this interim measure can be found not only under the auspices of Section 2 and Section 3 of the current Administrative Consent Order but also as part of a pilot test program as referenced in the Part 22 rules.

On the long term, it is our hope to separate the brine rich waste streams by oscillating plant operations so that the richer waste streams can be captured and either sold for dust control or, if necessary, containerized and shipped to an appropriate disposal facility consistent with requirements under Part 121 of NREPA. Thus, the necessary volumes of discharge water will decrease significantly when the richer waste stream is separated.

I would appreciate your review and comments/approval for this measure at your very earliest convenience. As we discussed, my client is containerizing its processed wastewater and, once capacity is exhausted, the plant will have to close. Also, exhausting capacity for storage makes dilution more problematic, as we currently anticipate using sealed vessels for the purposes of batching and diluting processed water. If all the tanks are full, there will be no room to batch sufficient dilution waters.

Please review the enclosed proposal and provide your comments and suggestions at your very earliest opportunity. My client and I sincerely appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Table 1
Dillution Calculations for Plant Flows

Cherry Blossom, LLC 10190 Munro Road Williamsburg, Michigan

Area/Process PITTING	Volume/Day [gal]	Volume/Day [L]	Average CI- Conc [mg/L]	Average BOD [mg/L]	Average Na+ [mg/L]	Number of Lab Results	Sampling Dates	Volume for CI- Dillution (gal) to 200 mg/L	Volume for BOD Dillution (gal) to 250 mg/L	Volume for BOD Dillution (gal) to 500 mg/L	Volume for Na+ Dillution (gal) to 120 mg/L
Transfer Losses Wash/Spray Effluent	1,800 2,650 4,450	6,840 10,070 16,910	- 228	1,090	93.5	4	July & Sept. 2002	695	15,010	5,271	-1184
SOAK/WASH Cherry Transfer Soak/Wash Tank Effluent Wash/Spray	3,000 7,200 1,100	11,400 27,360 4,180	6,000 690 20	51,400 ND 0	1,490 298.8 20	1 13 BG	June 5, 2002 Jan. & Feb. 2002	97,040 19,684 -1,104	616,167	306,578	41259 1 29 23
Effluent Subtotal	11,300	42,940	-			20		115,619	-1,104 615,063	-1,104 305,474	-1104 53,078
COLOR Effluent	700	2,660	1223	10,300	1,995	5 5	June 2003	90	31,340	15,319	13176
CONCENTRATOR Effluent	3,000	11,400	20	0	20	BG	NS	-3,012	-3,012	-3,012	-3012
FINISHING/PACKAGING Wash/Spray	1,600	6,080	20	0	20	BG	NS	-1,606	-1,606	-1,606	-1606
TOTAL DAILY VALUES:	21,050	79,990	1,342	9,254				111,786	656,795	321,446	60,452
Lean Plant Effluent	18,050	68,590	346	711				14,746	40,628	14,868	19,193
Effluent at Chloride Dillution	32,796	124,626	190	393							

NOTES:

ND = No Data

BG = Assumed background values from well

Shading Indicates analytical data reported by other consultants

Plant discharges based on client provided flow measurements